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Serial No.: 09/477,236  
Filed: January 4, 2000  
For: PROTECTIVE COATINGS FOR MEDICAL DEVICES  
Examiner: John D. Yasko  
Group Art Unit: 3763

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 5, line 17, delete "of the present invention".

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 21-22.

--21. A method of preventing aneurysm formation in a protective balloon coating which overlays a pinhole in the balloon wall, the method comprising providing side venting relief edges throughout the coating whereby pinholes occurring under the coating between said relief edges will vent sideways to said relief edges when the balloon is pressurized.

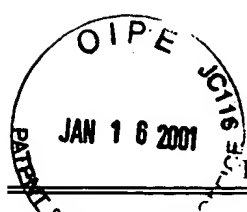
22. The method of claim 21 wherein the coating is a uniform discontinuous pattern coating.--

**REMARKS**

Restriction has been required between the patentably distinct species of Figures 1, 3, 4 and 5, respectively. The basis of distinction has not been stated but is deduced to be as follows:

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

- In regard to the above-identified application, we are submitting the attached:  
**2 page Response to Restriction Requirement and Preliminary Amendment; 1 check in the amount of \$116.00 for excess claims fees; VAS Transmittal Letter; and Postcard.**
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☐ No additional fee is required.  
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- Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, if any additional fees associated with this communication are required and have not otherwise been paid, including any fee associated with the Conditional Petition for Extension of Time, or any request in the accompanying papers for action which requires a fee as a petition to the Commissioner, please charge the additional fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0350. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment associated with this communication to the Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

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